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**TWELFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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This application claims priority under 35 USC §120 to the following United States patent application: 10/410,736. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the references cited herein which were submitted to, or cited by, the office, in compliance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)-(c) in the earlier application may not be provided herewith. The Examiner is directed to those references cited in all Information Disclosure Statements filed in the priority United States patent application cited above in addition to the references cited herein.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

and more particularly in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS |         |                 |
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| DOCUMENT NO.          | DATE    | NAME            |
| 5,586,028             | 12/1996 | Sekine et al.   |
| 5,809,152             | 09/1998 | Nakamura et al. |

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Additionally, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to review the claims and the prosecution history, including any Office Actions issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and any responses filed by Applicants, for the following related co-pending U.S. applications: Serial No. 10/410,736, filed April 10, 2003; Serial No. 11/006,935, filed December 8, 2004; Serial No. 11/252,160, filed October 17, 2005; Serial No. 11/331,806, filed January 13, 2006; and Serial No. 11/607,340, filed November 30, 2006.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

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